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Research, Development and Production Review Board

Meeting #68 of the Research, Development and Production Review Board was held in the OC Conference Room at 1330 hours on 3 May 1957. The following persons were in attendance:



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- 1. The Minutes of Meeting #67 were approved as written.
 - 2. A review was made of the revision of the proposed 1958-59 Budget. It was explained to the Board that this revision was arrived at by O&T and Engineering, on the basis of ending up with a total dollar figure of for 1958, which figure represented the amount approved in the estimated 1958 Budget submitted a year ago.
 - 3. The OLT representatives indicated that they had gone through the list of proposed projects and established priorities I, II, and III, and had found it necessary, in order to remain within the required figure, to eliminate all priority III projects and some priority II projects. It was further pointed out by OLT that they were definitely interested in having work performed on all the projects listed and that their elimination of the projects from 1958 did not indicate that they did not have interest in them.
 - 4. It was pointed out by the Engineering representatives that to all practical intent the revised 1958 Budget meant that work already in progress would be continued, but that nothing new would be initiated in the coming fiscal year. Additionally, this meant that the large majority of expenditures would, of necessity, occur late in fiscal 1958, since the majority of the programs already in process would not require additional funding until that time.

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- 6. In the course of the discussion it appeared that additional funds might become available in the course of the fiscal year and the Engineering Division was directed to prepare necessary operational specifications in conjunction with the cognizant OC Division, for items in categories II and III, and other SP items, so that if funds should be available work could be readily initiated on these projects. Following the preparation of the operational specs, the Engineering Division would, of course, prepare the necessary technical specifications.
- 7. The matter of the conversion of Systems II equipment from mirborne to sub-base equipment was discussed briefly and it was agreed that this would be considered later since no one had time as yet to review the contractual estimates. The SP representative indicated that although he had requested proposals from the contractor he had only received estimates. The D/CO stated that he would like to initiate action for additional funds the week of May 6, and requested that early action be taken on this matter. He further stated that there was a good possibility that additional funds are available now and that he would like to be able to discuss the utilization of these funds for other Rad work at the time he discussed System II. Accordingly, the Engineering Division was requested to determine if any projects could still be initiated in Fiscal Year 1957 in particular study types such as the High Speed Sub-Base Radio and Cryptographic System, and the Automatic Data Transmitting System. The Meeting adjourned at 1535 hours.

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Members and those in attendance Listed in Paragraph I RED Internal Projects RED External Projects

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